6. प्राचीन आदिवासी परियोजना के लिये विभिन्न प्रोत्साहन कार्यक्रमों हेतु आठवें वित्त आयोग एवार्ड की उपयोगिता के लिये प्राथमिकता प्रदान की जाये ।

7. स्थानीय आदिवासी समूहों के लिये रोजगार के अवसर बढ़ाये जायें और इस प्रयोजन के लिये परियोजना प्रशासन के ढांचे में उन्हें भी लिया जाये और यदि आवश्यक हो तो उनकी पात्रता शर्तों में भी रियायत की जाये ।

Mica mines and production etc.

@4068. SHRI SAMAR MUKHER-JEE; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) the number of mica mines the production of crude mica and the number of people engaged therein during 1977 and 1987; and

(b) whether there is a fast decline in this prime industry; if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA); (a) The number of working mines, production of crude mica and average daily employment in the mines for 1977 & 1986 are as follows:—

	1977	1986
No. of working Mines	297	168
Production of Crude Mica (in tonnes)	9362	4296
Average Daily employment .	7366*	3693+*

♦Source; DGMS ; DHANBAD.

**Returns received in Indian Bureau of Mines Figures of 1987 are not yet available.

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(b) There has been a decline in mica production, the main reasons being exhaustion of surface reserves in working mines and change in demand pattern. Action has been taken for the exploration of mica pegmatites. For meeting the changing demand, efforts are under way for production of value added mica products.

Production if processed MICA

@@4069. SHRI SAMAR MUKHER-JEE; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of processed mica in the counry during the last five years, yearswise; alongwith its production in private and public sector;

(b) the total export of mica during the above period countrywise and year-wise and the foreign exchange earned thereby;

(c) the internal consumption of mica during the same period, year-wise; and

(d) whether it is fact that both the export and the internal consumption are decreasing; if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Processing of mica is essentially **a** cottage industry and exact quantum of production of processed mica is not available.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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